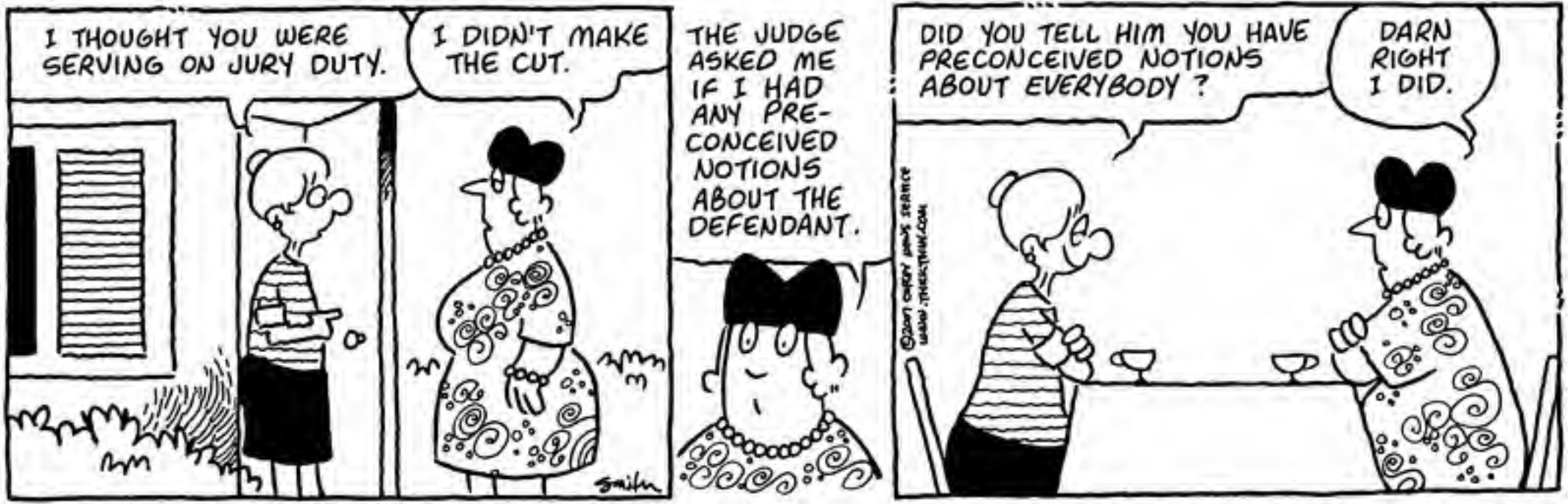
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SERVING ON JURY DUTY.
I DIDN'T MAKE THE CUT.
THE JUDGE ASKED ME IF I HAD ANY PRE-CONCEIVED NOTIONS ABOUT THE DEFENDANT.
DID YOU TELL HIM YOU HAVE PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS ABOUT EVERYBODY ?
DARN RIGHT I DID.
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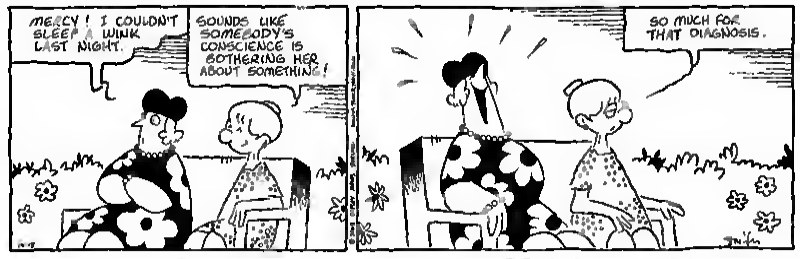
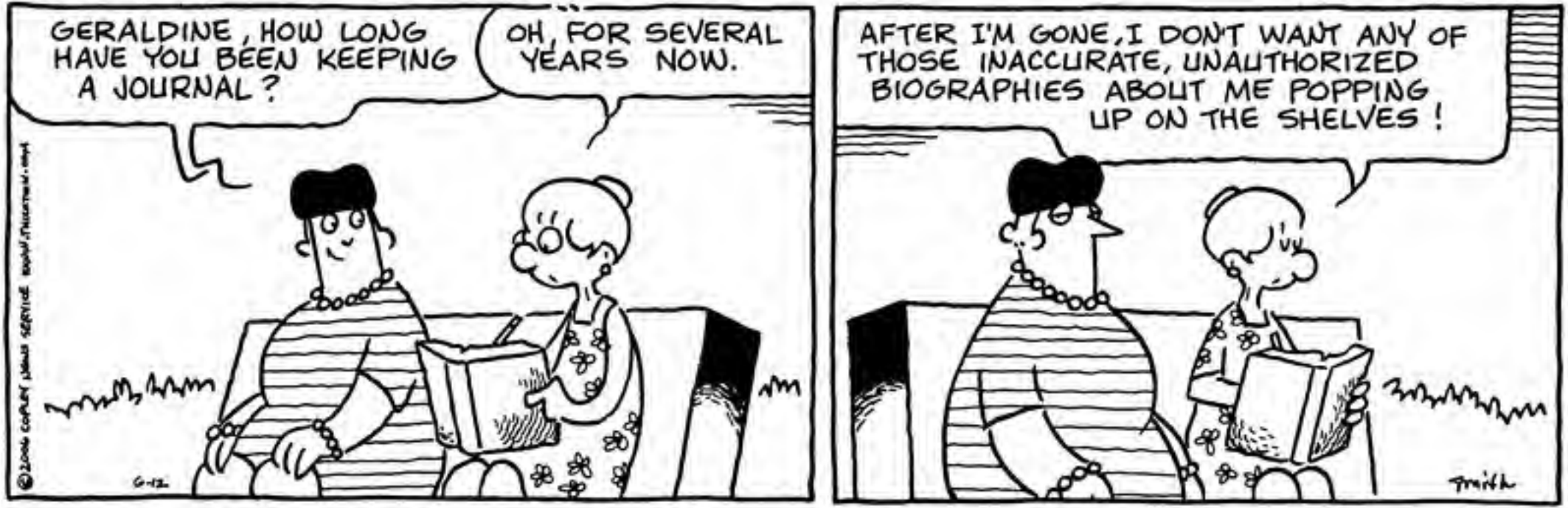

MERCY! I COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK LAST NIGHT.
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY'S CONSCIENCE IS BOTHERING HER ABOUT SOMETHING!
SO MUCH FOR THAT DIAGNOSIS.


GERALDINE, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING A JOURNAL?
OH, FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW.
AFTER I'M GONE, I DON'T WANT ANY OF THOSE INACCURATE, UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHIES ABOUT ME POPPING UP ON THE SHELVES!
Smith

I JUST THINK IT'S KIND OF FUNNY. THAT'S ALL.
I'M TELLING YOU THAT PARAKEET I OWNED WAS ALMOST HUMAN!
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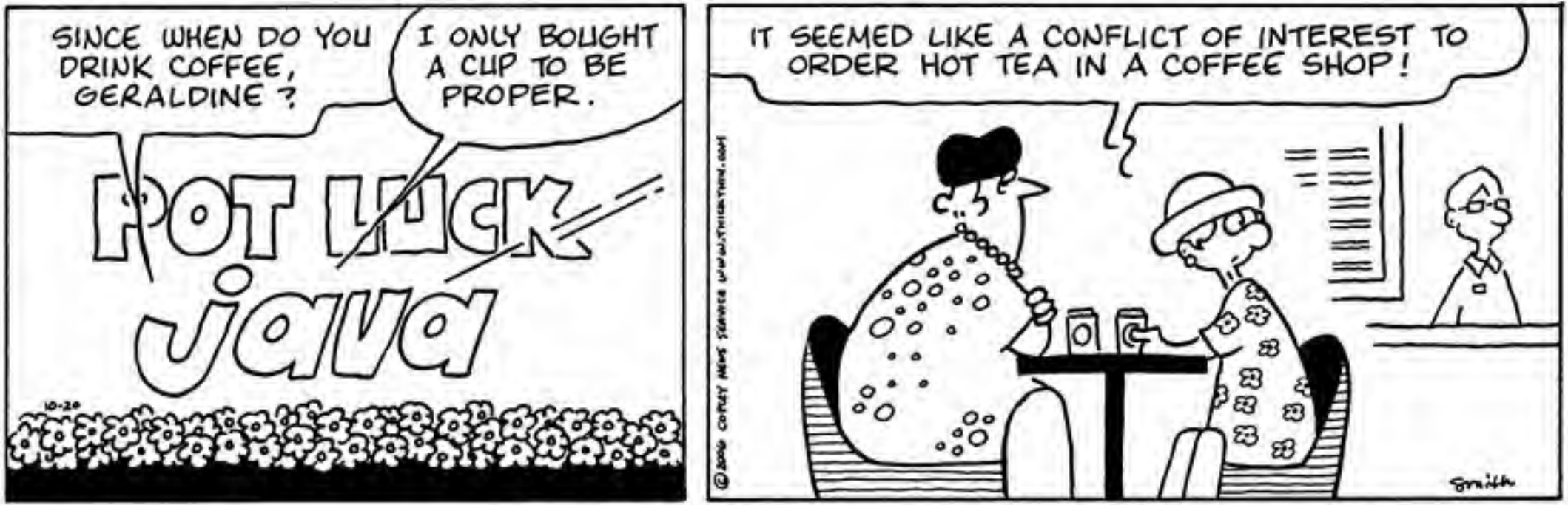
AND YOU NEVER UNDRESSED IN FRONT OF HIM?
LISTEN, I CAN TELL WHEN I'M BEING STARED AT.
Smith

MERCY! MY WATERCOLOR CLASS TODAY WAS A REAL HUMDINGER!
HUMDINGER GOOD OR HUMDINGER BAD?
HUMDINGER GOOD! IN FACT, IT WAS NEARLY A RIP-SNORTER.
WOW. SOUNDS LIKE A DOOZY!


SINCE WHEN DO YOU DRINK COFFEE, GERALDINE?
I ONLY BOUGHT A CUP TO BE PROPER.
POT LUCK
java
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IT SEEMED LIKE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO ORDER HOT TEA IN A COFFEE SHOP!
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GERALDINE, DO YOU EVER WISH YOU WERE A FAMOUS PAINTER LIKE GRANDMA MOSES?
I SUPPOSE I WOULDN'T MIND A LITTLE RECOGNITION FOR MY WORK.
Smith
I DON'T THINK I'D APPRECIATE THE PAPARAZZI POKING AROUND ALL THE TIME, THOUGH.
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YOU'VE HAD A PRETTY GOOD LIFE SO FAR, HAVEN'T YOU, PEARL?
OH, MY, YES! EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ROUGH IN THE EARLY DAYS.
BUT I KNEW EVERYTHING WOULD TURN OUT FINE. MY DADDY WASN'T RICH, BUT MY MAMA WAS SO DARN GOOD-LOOKING!
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PEARL, WOULD YOU SAY YOU'RE A RELIABLE PERSON WHO CAN KEEP A SECRET?
OH, ABSOLUTELY, GERALDINE.
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THAT'S THE BEST SYSTEM I HAVE FOR GAINING ACCESS TO PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.
Smith

SORRY I'M LATE. I HAD TO PUT MY FACE ON.
SOME DAY, I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE.
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT, GIRLFRIEND.
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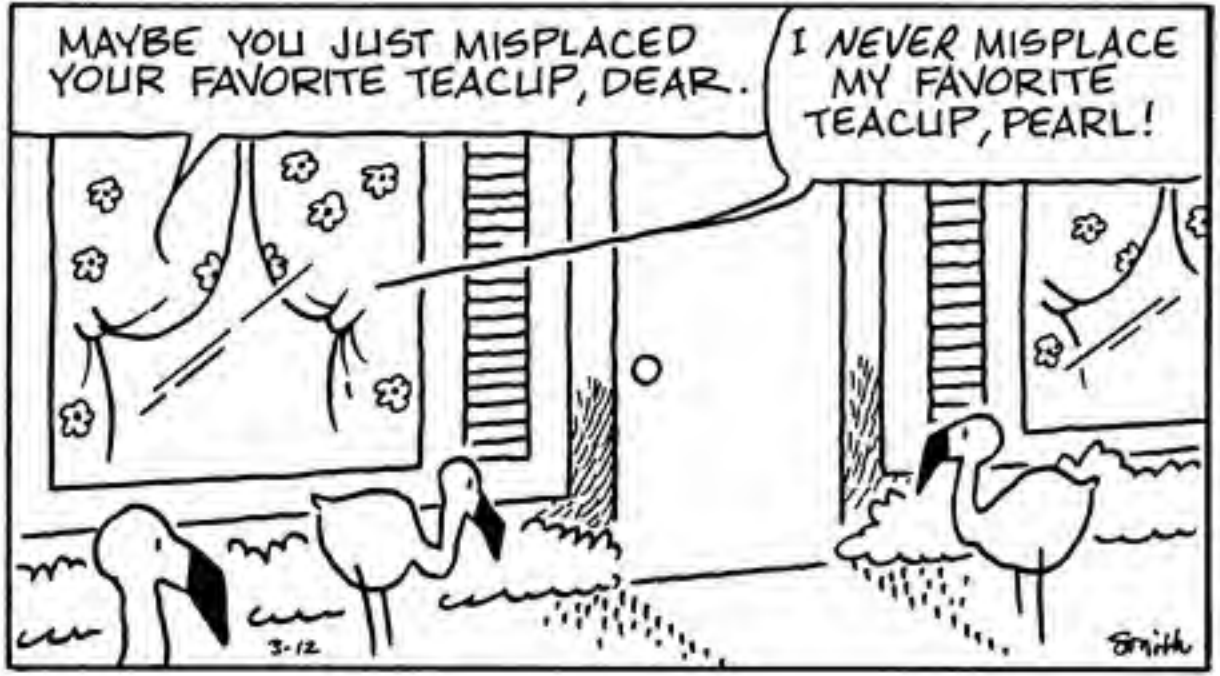
MAYBE YOU JUST MISPLACED YOUR FAVORITE TEACUP, DEAR.
I NEVER MISPLACE MY FAVORITE TEACUP, PEARL!
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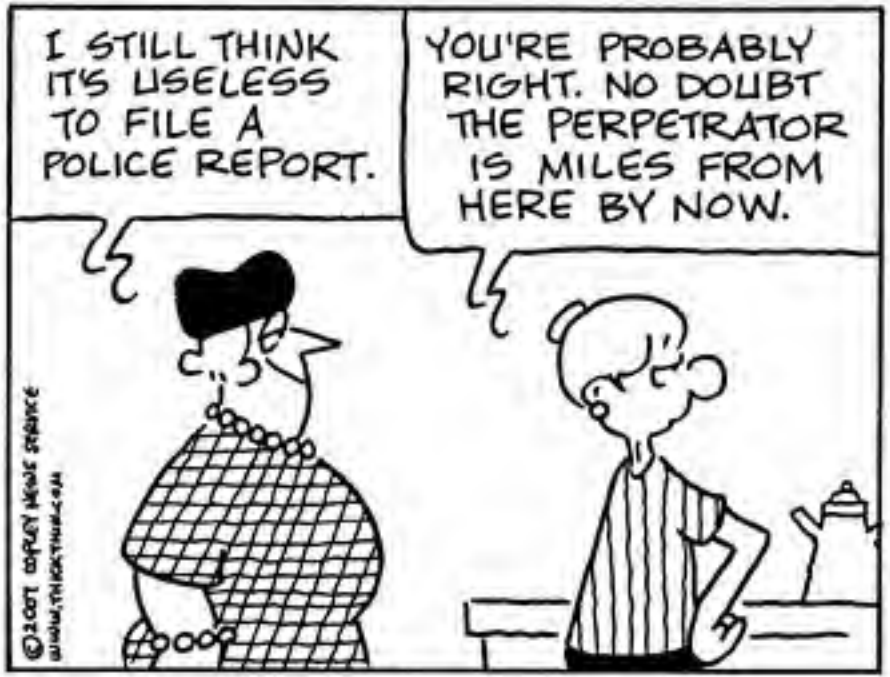
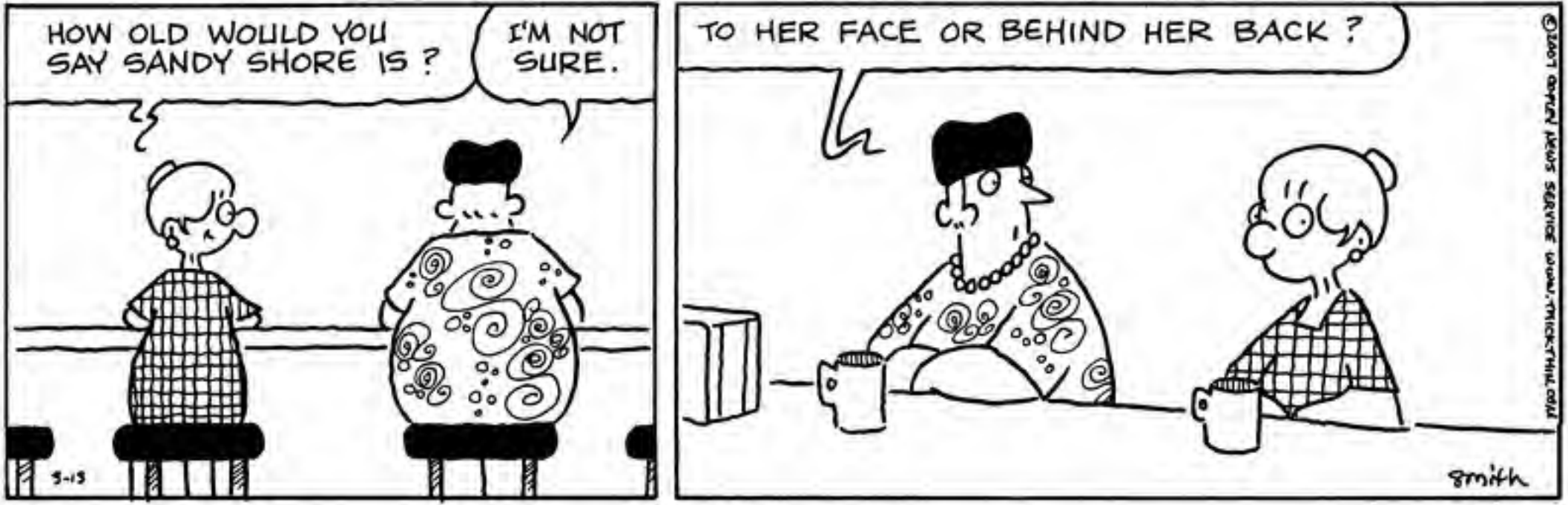

I STILL THINK IT'S USELESS TO FILE A POLICE REPORT.
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. NO DOUBT THE PERPETRATOR IS MILES FROM HERE BY NOW.


HOW OLD WOULD YOU SAY SANDY SHORE IS ?
I'M NOT SURE.
TO HER FACE OR BEHIND HER BACK ?
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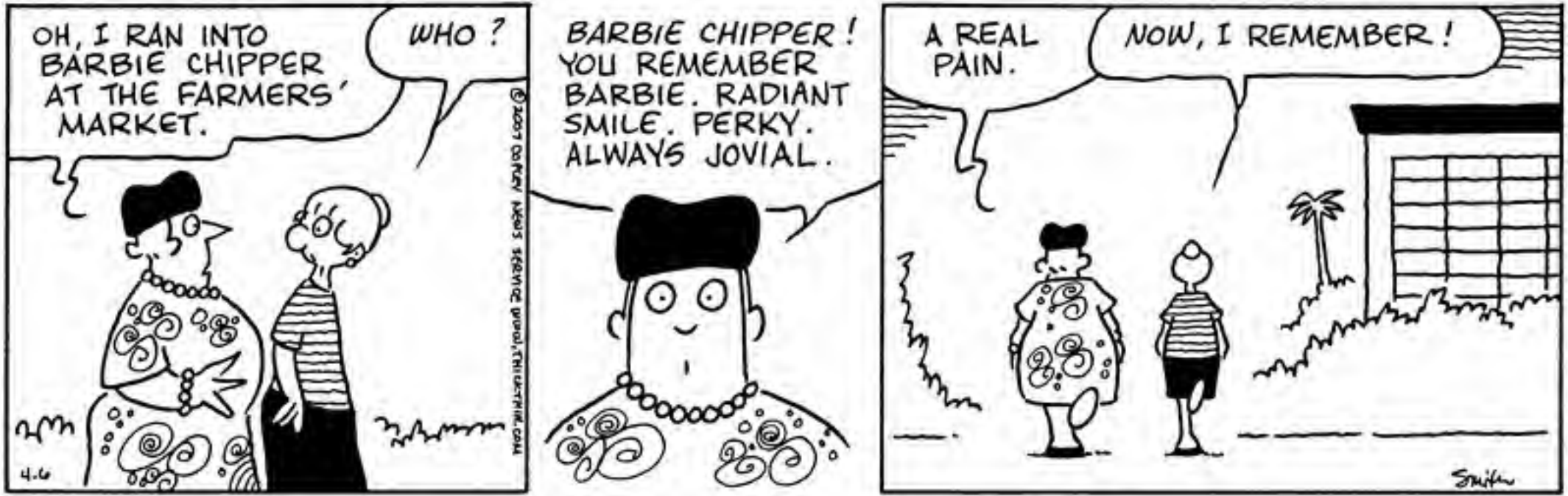
OH, I RAN INTO BARBIE CHIPPER AT THE FARMERS' MARKET.
WHO ?
BARBIE CHIPPER ! YOU REMEMBER BARBIE. RADIANT SMILE. PERKY. ALWAYS JOVIAL.
A REAL PAIN.
NOW, I REMEMBER !
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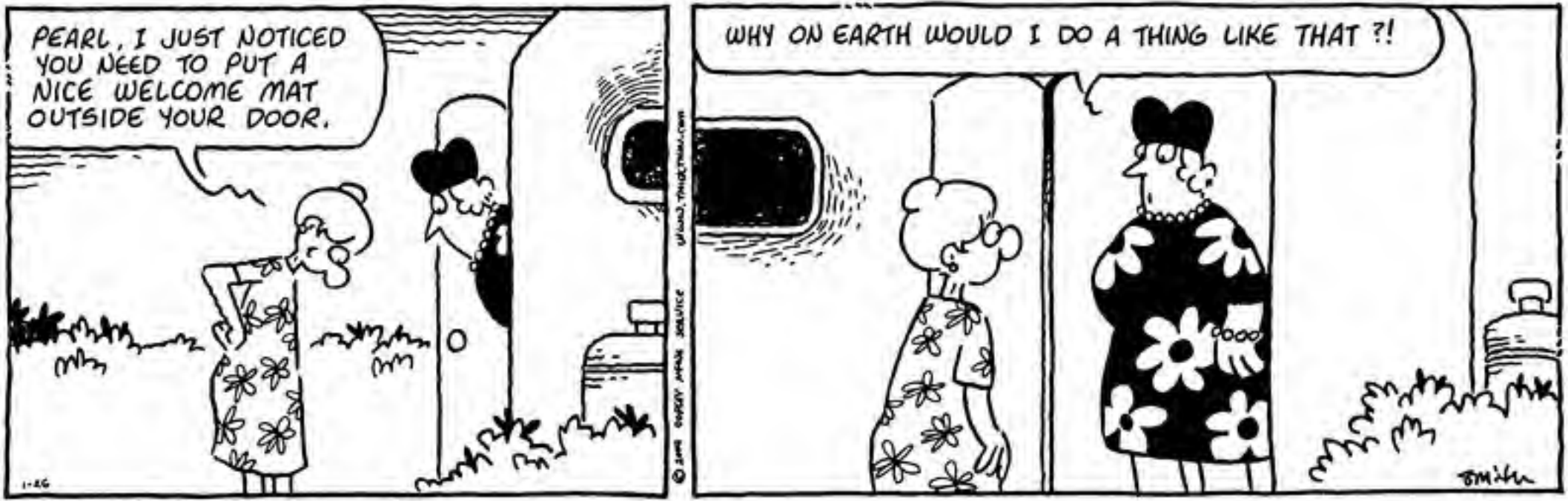
DID YOU NOTICE THE LACK OF RESPONSE I GOT FOR MY CUTE LITTLE ONE-LINERS YESTERDAY ?
I CERTAINLY DID.
BOY, BETWEEN THE CONGREGATION AND THE PREACHER, I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH DIRTY LOOKS!
TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING, PEARL.

THROUGH THICK and THIN
by Gladys Smith
CHUCKLE!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ABOUT GOOD OL' IOWA CLAIR IN OUR NEXT STRIP?
WHO, ME? I WOULD, I'M
GOOD OL' IOWA CLAIR HAS THE GOODEST GOOD OL' EVERYBODY WHO'S NO WILD CLAIRE'S FRIEND UNCONDEMNS THE NUT!
WHAT'S THE LATEST ON GOOD OL' IOWA CLAIR?
GOOD GRACIOUS, I SHOULDN'T KNOW! DEAR, IT'S BEEN AGONIZING SINCE I'VE HEARD FROM GOOD OL' IOWA CLAIR!
WHY DO YOU DESPISE ME SO?
SOMETIMES, I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF.


PEARL, I JUST NOTICED YOU NEED TO PUT A NICE WELCOME MAT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR.
WHY ON EARTH WOULD I DO A THING LIKE THAT ?!
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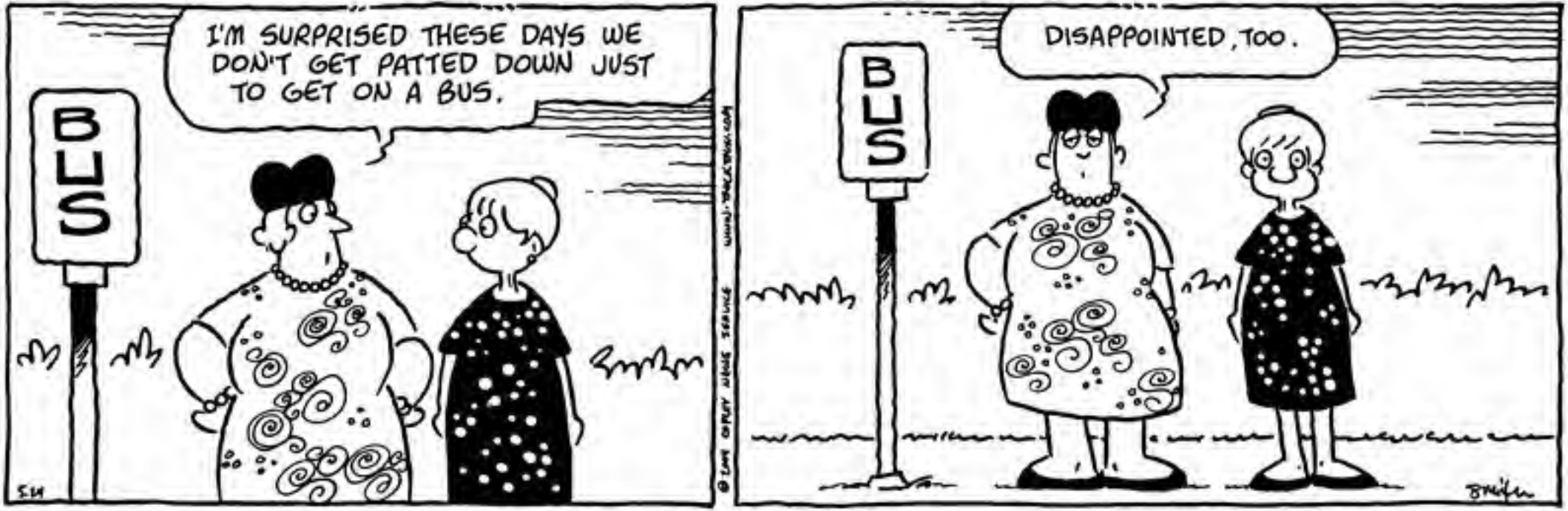
BSmith

EVERY NOW AND THEN I STOP WHATEVER I'M DOING, YOU KNOW, TO MAKE SURE I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH WHATEVER IT IS I'M DOING.
THE THING IS, SOMETIMES I FORGET TO START BACK UP AGAIN.
THERE'S A LOT OF THAT GOING AROUND IN MY WORLD, TOO.
Smiley

PEARL, HOW MANY FLINGS DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU SETTLED DOWN WITH WILLARD?
WHY DO YOU ASK?
BECAUSE I'M CURIOUS AS A CAT.

GERALDINE, DO YOU WANT TO HEAR A CUTE JOKE ?
WILL IT OFFEND MY SENSIBILITIES ?
famous Poops
SOMETIMES IT'S A REAL CHALLENGE TO KEEP YOU ENTERTAINED.


I'M SURPRISED THESE DAYS WE DON'T GET PATTED DOWN JUST TO GET ON A BUS.
BUS
DISAPPOINTED, TOO.
BUS